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NOTE FOR THE DCI

FROM: Admiral Murphy

I thought you would be interested in the attached memo describing follow-up to our meeting with Attorney General Bell on 27 April.

Daniel J. Murphy

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meetings of Working Group on National Counterintelligence Structure

- 1. Pursuant to arrangements made at a meeting on 27 April 1977 among Attorney General Bell, Admiral Turner, and Admiral Murphy, a counterintelligence (CI) working group met on 12 and 18 May to work out proposals for inclusion in PRM-11, Task 3 establishing a national level counterintelligence coordinating body.
- 2. The working group meetings were chaired by Mr. Michael Kelly, Special Assistant to the Attorney General. The group consisted of two representatives each from the FBI, DCI and Defense, and one each from Justice and the National Security Council staff.
- 3. The Justice representative argued persistently against the Attorney General being chairman of a national CI policy body. The argument was based on the idea that the Attorney General's public role should be that of a "neutral" guardian of the law and that being responsible, even at the policy level, for management and advocacy of a vigorous national CI program would be at odds with the "neutral" role. After considerable discussion the group's consensus was that the Attorney General should be included as a candidate for the chairmanship.
- 4. A draft CI section for PRM-11, Task 3 was prepared and approved by the working group. This draft has been submitted to the NSC Staff which is incorporating it into the overall PRM-11 draft. The draft CI section includes:
 - a. a broad assessment of the US CI posture and conclusion that a national CI policy body should be established;
 - b. three suggested options as to who should chair the national CI policy body: the Attorney General;

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the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs; or the DCI (only if he were separated from CIA and given new and broader authorities over intelligence).

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

Admiral Daniel J. Murphy, USN

Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence Community

SUBJECT:

Talking Paper on Counterintelligence for Use With Attorney General Bell on Wednesday, 27 April 1977

- 1. Action Requested: The attached self-explanatory talking paper is for your use during the meeting on national foreign counterintelligence with Attorney General Bell at 1700 hours on Wednesday, 27 April. FBI Director Clarence Kelley and I will attend this meeting with you.
- 2. <u>Background</u>: The talking paper draws on the extensive work on foreign counterintelligence (CI) in which my staff has been engaged since 1976, aimed at the establishment of a national CI policymaking structure and coordinating mechanism. We have been seeking this meeting with the Attorney General to apprise him of our efforts to date and to solicit his support for the proposed structure. As indicated in Section "D" of the attached paper, we propose to convene an ad hoc CI Community working group to continue the staff work required for the preparation of a draft Presidential Directive (PD/NSC) on CI.

/s/ Daniel J. Murphy

Daniel J. Murphy

Attachment:

Counterintelligence Talking Paper

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